The Holy Eucharist

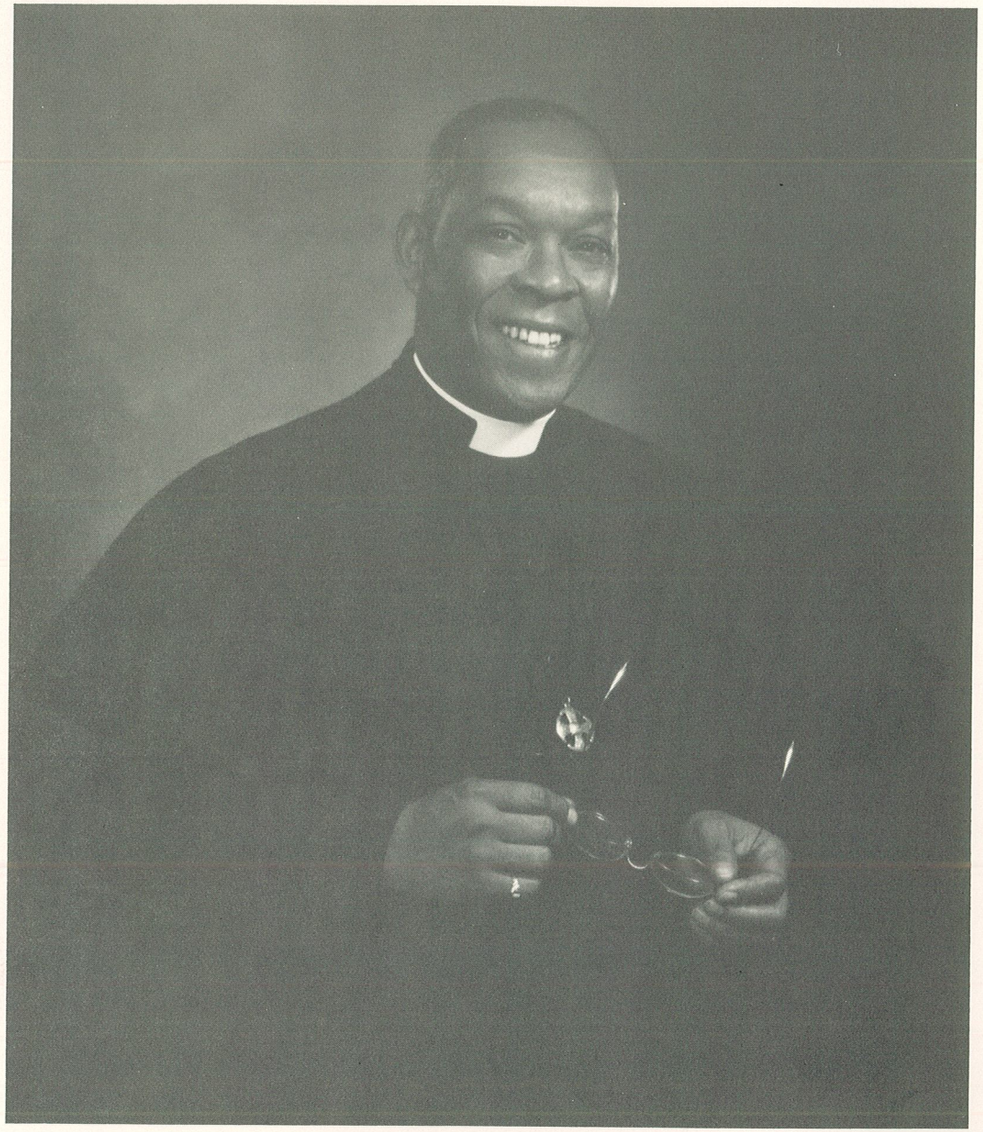
In Thanksgiving for

The Ministry
of

The Reverend Canon Charles L.L. Poindexter
Rector of St. Luke's Parish

Saturday, November 12, 1994
at
2 o'clock in the afternoon

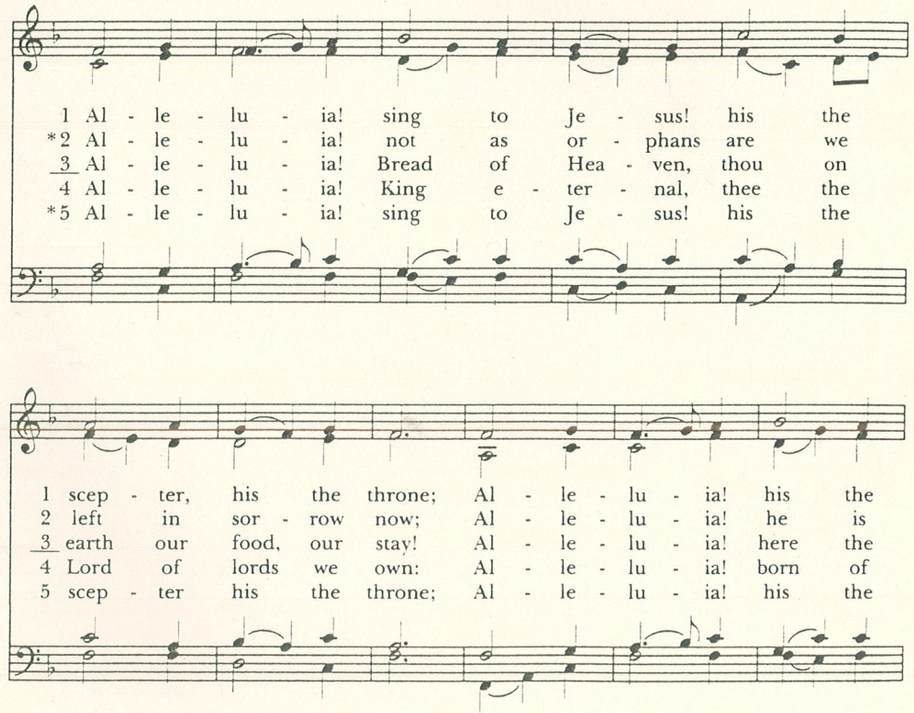
St. Luke's Church, Germantown, Pa

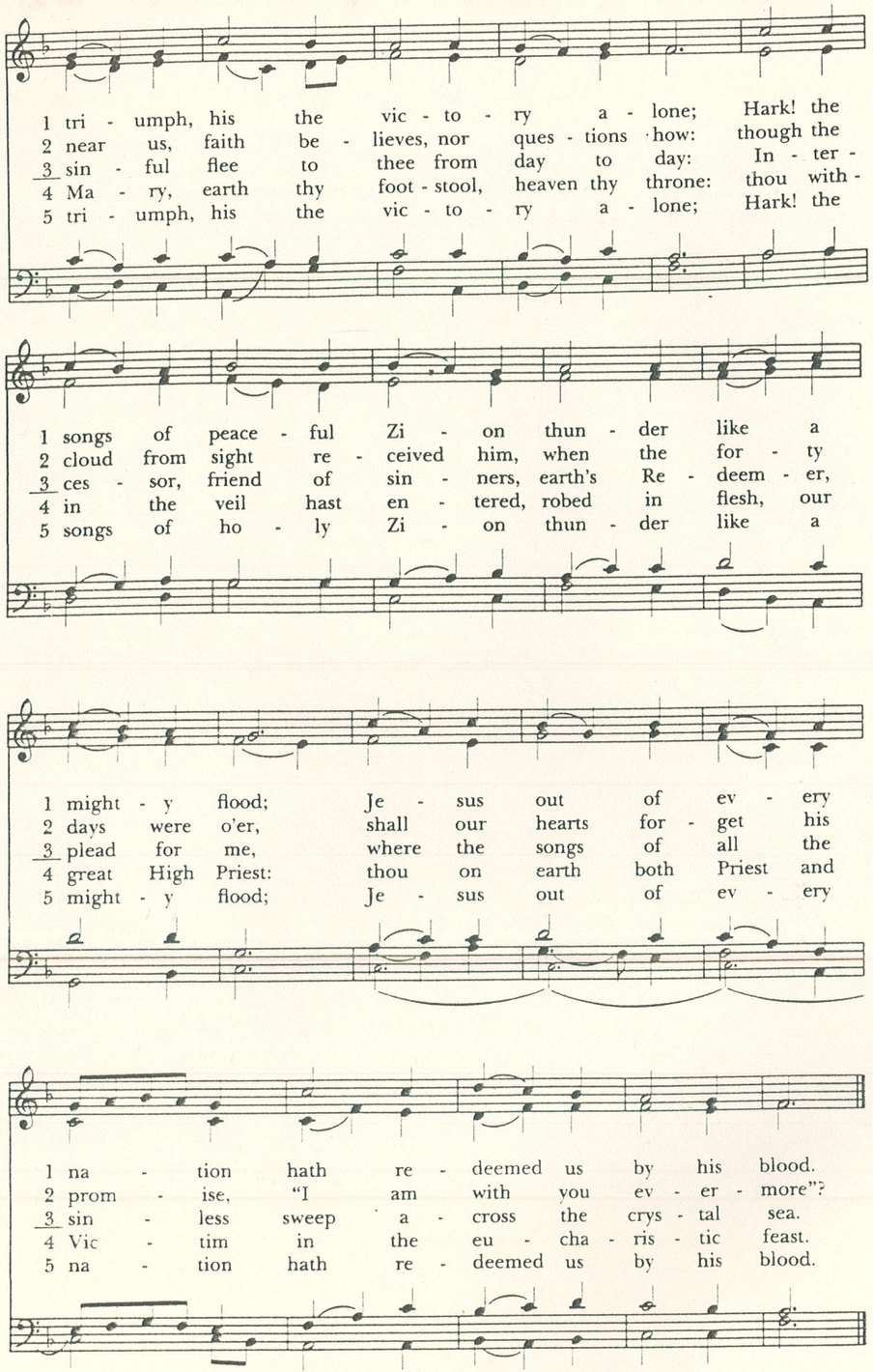


The Reverend Charles L. L. Poindexter
Canon and Doctor

A Solemn Eucharist in Thanksgiving for the Ministry of The Rev'd Canon Charles L. L. Poindexter

Prelude	Canon Brandenburg Concerto #3 Divertimento in D	Pacabel J. S. Bach W. A. Mozart
Processional Hymn	Alleluia Sing to Jesus	*Hyfrydol*

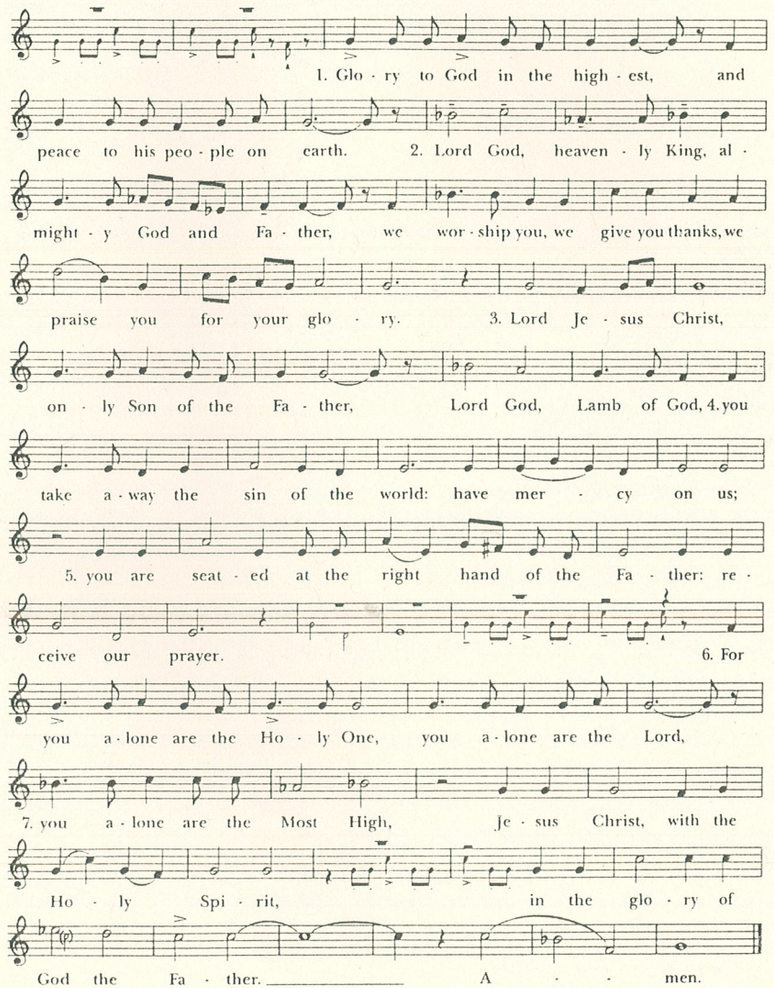




Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, son, and Holy spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen

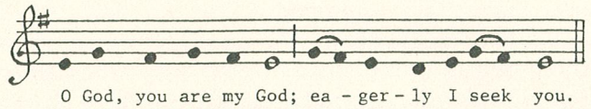
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria in Excelsis Wm. Mathis



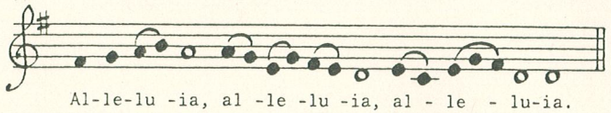
First Reading: The First Book of Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm 63:1-8 [*Book of Common Prayer* p. 670]

The Congregation joins in singing the following Refrain:



Second Reading: Ephesians 4:11-16

Before the Gospel: Alleluia is sung by Choir and Congregation:



The Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:35-38

Speaker The Honorable L. Douglas Wilder

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Cleansed in the blood of the Lamb, and one in communion with all the saints of every time and place, let us offer our prayers to the God who loves us, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the holy church of God throughout the world, that the Lord may confirm it in faith, sustain it in hope, and deepen its communion in charity, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who wield earthly power, that they may recognize in the disciples of Jesus children of God anxious to serve in building up the earthly city, let us pray to the Lord.

For those beset by persecution for righteousness' sake and those weighed down by trial and distress, that the example of the saints may give them courage and the help of believers give them hope, let us pray to the Lord.

For those whose lives are overshadowed by physical pain or anguish of spirit, that they may know the healing touch of Christ, and the transfiguring power of his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

For this Eucharistic Assembly, gathered in thanksgiving for the ministry of your servant Charles in this place, that our worship may be acceptable in your sight, and that his witness may continue courageous in the midst of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

For Charles and his family, as his life moves into a new dimension, that he and they may find together new visions and new opportunities, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who departed this life in faith and in the fear of God, that they may join the innumerable throng of holy ones gathered before the throne and the Lamb, let us pray to the Lord.

Holy God, mighty God, immortal God, adored by angels and praised by the saints, receive the prayers of your holy church, and grant them, in accordance with your gracious will, through Christ our Lord.

The Confession

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
. . . walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

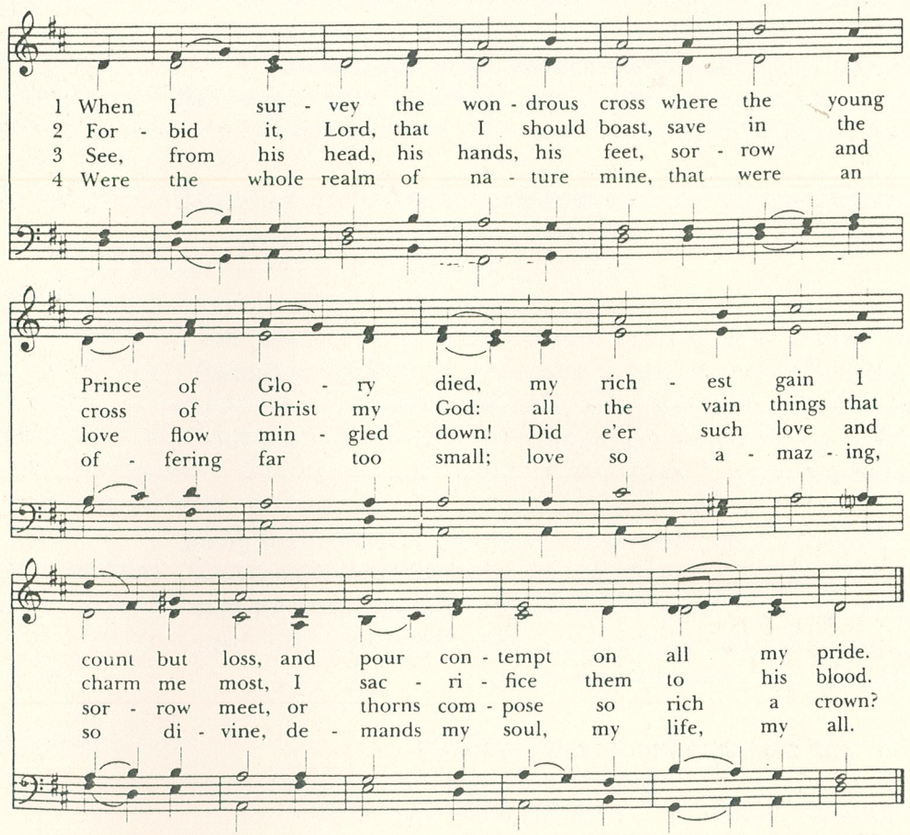
Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Offertory Anthem Zadok the Priest G. F. Handel

Offertory Hymn When I survey the Wondrous Cross *Rockingham*



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People; We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus St. Cecelia's Mass

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy,

and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Priest: *Alleluia.* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.*

Agnus Dei — St. Cecelia's Mass

Communion Hymns — Pie Jesu
Noel Warren and Natalie Wright
It Is Well With My Soul — p. 188 LEVAS
His Eye is on the Sparrow
Theresa Merritt

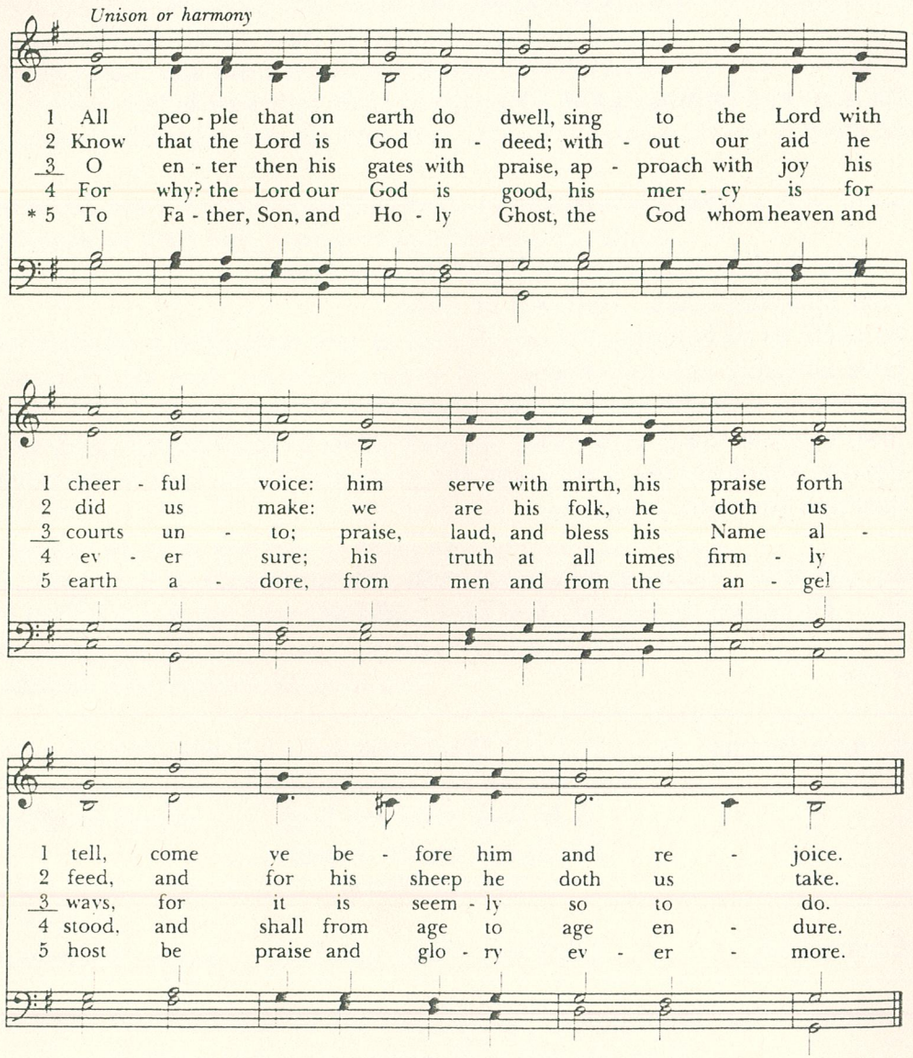
Post-Communion — Lift Every Voice and Sing — *Carter-Johnson*

Presentation: The Wardens

Blessing and Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *Alleluia*
People: Thanks be to God. *Alleluia*

Recessional Hymn All People That on Earth do Dwell *Old 100th*



Postlude Water Music G. F. Handel
Spring (The Seasons) Vivaldi

All are cordially invited to a reception in St. Barnabas Hall following the service.

The Offering at this service will be used by the Rector to assist persons suffering from Aids.

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of *Samuel and Charity Morton, Charles and Martha Ann Murray, Walter E. Poindexter, Pearl Poindexter- Evans, Walter R. Poindexter, Wellington G. Poindexter, Ruby E. Poindexter, Aubrey, Charles and Welford Morton, Charles and Rebecca Morton, Rudolph and Melvin Morton, Caldonia Venable Tucker, Walter J. and Rosena Manning, Edna B. Williams, Kathleen Barker, Letitia R. Cousins, Oscar A. and Effie Morton, Sr., Oscar A. Moseley, Sr., Charlotte and Mary Moseley, Clarence Robinson, Angle and Mabel Owens, Angle B. Owens, Jr., Elridge O. Wilson, and Walker B. LeFlore, Jr.*

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The Rector wishes to thank all who assisted in making this day a beautiful and fitting climax to a fruitful ministry. Special thanks to the Altar Guild, Acolytes, St. Cecelia's Choir, the Flower Committee and the Owens sisters, The Wardens and Vestry , the Parish Guilds, and the Office Staff.

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Participants

Celebrant
The Rector

Deacon
The Rev'd William J. Shepherd

Sub Deacon
Miss Evelyn Robinson

Assisting Clergy
The Rev'd Canon Harold Lewis
The Very Rev'd Raymond Mitchell
The Rev'd Cordelia Ludlum Rausch
The Rev'd Eleanor Woodroffe

Lay Assistants
Sr. Marion Margaret, S.S.M.
Mr. M. Alfred McNichols
Mr. Clark M. Younger

Organist and Choirmaster
Dr. John D. Cooper

Assistant Organist
Robin T. Muse

Oblation Bearers
Mrs. Judith O. Poindexter
Miss Evangeline R. Poindexter
Dr. Charles O. Richardson
Dr. J. William Lewis

Lectors
The Rt. Rev'd Msgr. Albert V. Norrell
Pastor, St. Carthage Roman Catholic Church
The Honorable Augusta A. Clark
Councilwoman, City of Philadelphia

Crucifer
Mr. Byron Charles Poindexter

Torches
Billy Edmonds and Shani Peterson

Thurifer
Claude Draughn

Boat
Kadeidra Edmonds

Servers
Teri Tillman and Colleen Anderson

Master of Ceremonies
Mr. Keihl Cauthorn

Marshall
Mr. David Poindexter

Guest Soloists
Wilhelmena Fernandez
Theresa Merritt

Trumpeters
Brian Wilson and Bruce Frazier

Quartette
Booker Rowe, Carolyn Mather, Magloire Casmir, Ronald Lipscomb

Harpist
Mary McCann

Tympanist
Maria Poindexter

Head Usher
Mr. David Wells

Reception Chair
Mrs. Helene Richardson

Wardens

Evelyn N. Robinson, Rector's Warden
Nolan N. Atkinson, Jr. Esq., Accounting Warden